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### Environmental Assessment for Demolition of Water Tanks

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**KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M.** — The Air Force has prepared an environmental assessment evaluating potential impacts on the environment associated with the demolition of three elevated potable water tanks at Kirtland Air Force Base. This action is proposed by the 377th Air Base Wing, which is a part of Air Force Materiel Command.

Kirtland is in the process of upgrading its drinking water distribution system and proposes to replace the three elevated tanks with one 3.5 million gallon ground-level potable water storage tank. The elevated tanks would be dismantled and the steel shipped to a recycling facility.

The Air Force proposes a finding of no significant impact on the human environment from the proposed project. It has also determined there are no major environmental impacts associated with this proposed action, nor will the proposed action significantly affect the quality of the environment.

A copy of the environmental assessment is available at the Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute Montoya campus library. The public comment period ends August 8, 1997. Individuals wishing further information, or to contribute comments, should contact John McGlothlen, National Environmental Policy Act program manager, (505) 846-4377.

